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In re Application of:

Albrecht E. SIPPEL et al.

Examiner: Z. Lucas

Serial No.: 09/869,709

Group Art Unit: 1648

Filed: October 18, 2001

Title: METHOD FOR THE CELLULAR HIGH-THROUGHPUT-DETECTION OF
RECEPTOR LIGAND INTERACTIONS

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

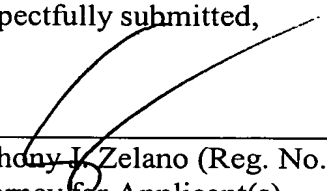
Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 23, 2003, Applicants hereby elect B1, C1 in connection with C-i and D2, with traverse.

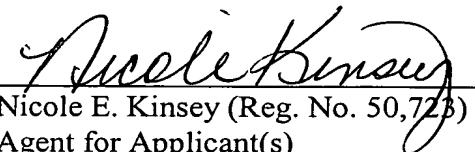
Applicants again submit that the Examiner has not established an undue searching burden in examining a scope broader than the subgroups set forth in the Office Action. Thus, the Examiner is strongly urged to reformulate the restriction requirement such that there is no undue searching burden, but also such that the amount of subject matter searched is not arbitrarily minimized with subdivisions bearing no relationship to searching burden.

No fee is believed to be due with this response, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

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